

## TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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### DIGEST

Temporarily amends 312 IAC 8 and 312 IAC 9 to govern hunts at Conrad Savanna Nature Preserve in Newton County, and, collectively, at the Wabash Lowlands Nature Preserve and the Section Six Flatwoods Nature Preserve in Posey County. Under IC 4-22-2-37.1, IC 14-22-2-6, and IC 14-10-2-5, the director of the department of natural resources adopts the temporary rule set forth in this document. The temporary rule is adopted with the awareness that regulation of wild animals in Indiana is the responsibility of the department of natural resources. The director is responsible for adopting temporary rules under IC 14-22-2-6 to manage wild animals in Indiana or in a designated part of Indiana. Based upon the opinion of professional biologists, the director has determined white-tailed deer will cause obvious and measurable damage to the ecological balance at Conrad Savanna Nature Preserve in Newton County and at Wabash Lowlands Nature Preserve and the Section Six Flatwoods Nature Preserve in Posey County. The ecological balance will not be maintained unless action is taken to control the population of white-tailed deer at these Nature Preserves. Effective September 25, 2006.

**SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding 312 IAC 8-2 and any other provision governing taking of a wild animal from a nature preserve dedicated under IC 14-31-1 or otherwise in Indiana, an individual qualified under this document may, with a firearm under 312 IAC 9-3-3 or 312 IAC 9-3-7, take a white-tailed deer from Conrad Savanna Nature Preserve in Newton County and from Wabash Lowlands Nature Preserve and Section Six Nature Preserve in Posey County, Indiana.**

**(b) In order to qualify under subsection (a), an individual must hunt with a firearm as governed by 312 IAC 9-3-3 or 312 IAC 9-3-7 within the period from November 18 through December 24, 2006.**

**(c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b), an individual is restricted to the terms of, and must qualify under, this subsection to engage in a selected hunt on November 18, November 19 or November 20, 2006.**

**(1) Pursuant to a drawing, a different set of hunters would be selected for each of the three dates for the following:**

**(A) Conrad Savanna Nature Preserve.**

**(B) Collectively for the Wabash Lowlands Nature Preserve and the Section Six Nature Preserve.**

**(2) An individual must file an application for a selected hunt on a departmental form that is actually received by October 13, 2006 at 4:00 p.m., EDT (3:00 p.m., CDT) at the following location: Deer Draw Application, Division of Nature Preserves, 402 West Washington Street, Room W-267, Indianapolis, IN 46204. A copy of the application form may be obtained at the main offices of the LaSalle Fish and Wildlife Area, the Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area or the Hovey Lake Fish and Wildlife Area.**

**(3) Due to the sizes of the nature preserves and their parking lots, the number of individuals qualifying for the selected hunts is limited to the following:**

**(A) Twelve (12) individuals at the Conrad Savanna Nature Preserve.**

**(B) A total of ten (10) individuals for the Wabash Lowlands Nature Preserve and the Section Six Flatwoods Nature Preserve.**

**(4) The division of nature preserves shall conduct a drawing on October 17, 2006. Successful applicants for the selected hunts would be informed by mail.**

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